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Commentary

THE KNOWERS & THE BARKERS

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Once, when I was at DC Comics waiting for an editor, a teenage couple (boy/girl), comic book fans, came over to me.

They apologized for intruding saying they knew I didn't like to talk to fans.

Since they had never met me, had no first hand knowledge about me, I asked them where they got their information, beliefs, knowledge.

They had heard it from somebody, read it somewhere, from some outside fan.

So they believed it had to be factually true.

Like the too many, they turned their minds, their integrity, over to some outsider, a non-factual, non-objective source.

Like the too many, they chose to be pre-programmed like parrots.

They, like other fan knowers, experts, historians, without the proper, real, first hand experience, knowledge, act mindlessly believing they actually know.

It's an all too common pattern of knowing fans with their likes/dislikes, righteous behavior in holding, repeating, anothers sound waves.

It's a rare experience in fandom where some fans act with correct first hand information and don't indulge in someone else's fictions and fantasies.

The first dog barks at something, the neighbor dogs bark with the bark.

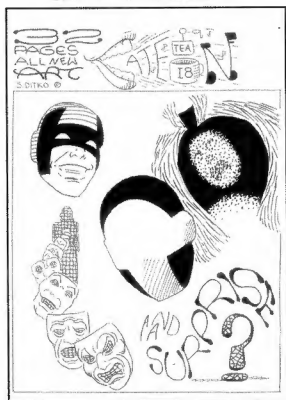
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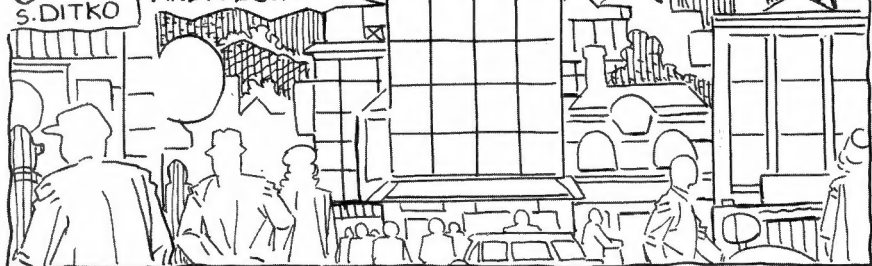


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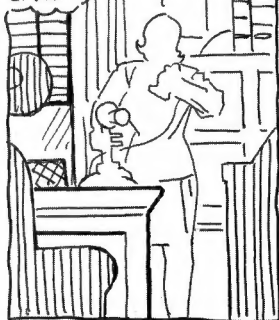
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MISSZEN, A SMALL CITY IN THE 1930S } I HOPE MAE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.

...GREAT JOB, MAE, CHECK'S IN THE MAIL AND A BONUS.



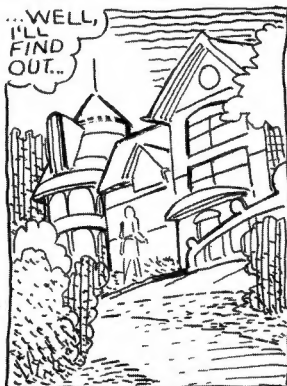
I MAY NOT LIKE THIS NEW CASE...



...TOO MANY OLD, PAST MEMORIES...



...WELL, I'LL FIND OUT...



COME IN, MAE... BRING US TEA, OLGA.



THE HOUSE IS BEING ROBBED... THINGS MISSING...



I BELIEVE IT'S BEING DONE BY MY GRAND-CHILDREN...

...FRED AND SALLY...



THE SERVANTS HAVE
NOTICED SMALL, BUT
VALUABLE, PIECES
MISSING...



...TRIED TO KEEP IN
TOUCH...THEY VISIT...
NOT VERY SOCIABLE...



FIND OUT IF IT'S THEM!
I'LL DECIDE HOW TO
HANDLE IT.



NOW LET'S HAVE OUR
TEA. I KNEW YOUR
FAMILY WELL... A...A
GREAT LOSS TO
EVERYONE...



YOU ARE VERY WELL
SPOKEN OF MAE...
TRUSTWORTHY...



SO I'M CONFIDENT
YOU WILL GET TO THE BOT-
TOM OF THIS
DISCREETLY...



X@# THAT'S
ALL! THAT'S
ALL! I?
TAKE IT OR
LEAVE...



X@# MY * GAM-
BLING LUCK HAS TO
CHANGE. #



..OR PULL) } F O H }
ANOTHER } BROTHER..
JOB... } 1 8 1 1 }
#



I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU, SISTER. MAKE IT OR...



OTHERS WILL KNOW... THIEF...



I WANT A CUT... X @ # A



X # A HA! HA! HA!



REMEMBER, THAT WORKS BOTH WAYS. X @ WHAT CAN HE KNOW?



NO, MAE, NO REPORTS OF BREAK-INS. I GOT WRONG INFO.



MAE UP TO SOMETHING? WITH MAE WE NEVER KNOW. ONE THING CERTAIN.



SHE'S A SQUARE SHOOTER. YAH!



...HAVE TO CHECK OUT THOSE TWO KIDS.



'SALLY'S ROOM...MES-
SY BUT CLEAN
UNLESS
ANOTHER
PLACE...



...FRED'S NOT
HIDING
ANYTHING...



...HE'S THE ONE TO
FOLLOW...



...HE
MAY
KNOW
ME,
SO...



...GOT
TURNED
DOWN...



ANOTHER
FAST
BRUSH-
OFF...



...GETTING
NOWHERE
AGAIN...



...AGAIN...



...COULD
BE
GET-
TING
DES-
PERATE...



...PAWN SHOP VISIT...
NOT HAPPY...



I NEED TO
PAY IT A
VISIT...



...AND BACK
THE WAY THE
BEST...



WHA!?



...I WANT INFORMATION,
THE TRUTH...



WHAT STUFF...N...NO
DID FRED
BRING
YOU?
R. RIGHT.
LEGIT-
MATE...



I CAN WRECK THIS
PLACE AND YOU...



OKAY, HE
SOLD ME
SOME
OLD STUFF...



I WANT
THEM ALL!

BE GRATEFUL I DON'T
CLOSE YOU DOWN...



...NOT
HUMAN...





HE ALSO
KILLED
SALLY!

THAT DIRTY #
BITCH...
WANTED A
CUT OF
EVERYTHING
STOLE..

.. GREEDY BITCH..
DESERVED KILLING..

WHY,
FRED?

..NEEDED
MONEY,
GAM-
BLING,
DEBTS,
HAD NO
CHOICE
ONLY WAY..



'THE OUTLINE



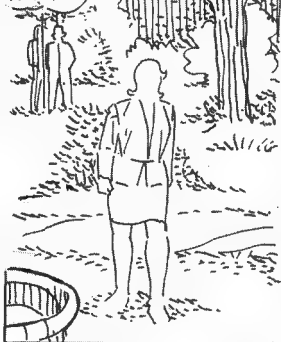
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'YAH...WATCH THEM
FROM HERE... THEIR
MEET...



YAH!/SHE'S WAITING FOR
HIM...



OH?! IT...IT'S THAT PAIN,
IRMA...



...ALWAYS TRYING TO
MAKE OUT WITH ME...



...WONDER) WELL, I HAD
TO SEE YOU...
WHY MEET-
ING...



...IT'S ABOUT JAKE. HE'S
AFTER ME... CRUDE...
VULGAR...



WHAT!?



HE KEEPS BOTHER-
ING ME... VASTY
REMARKS ABOUT
YOU...



HE'S REALLY A...A
ABUSIVE ANIMAL...



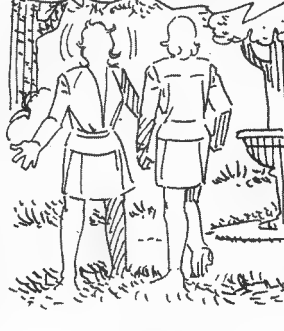
THAT LIAR! ...I'LL
SHE'S BEEN
BEEN
AFTER
ME...I'LL...
WAIT...
SEE...
HEAR...
KNOW!



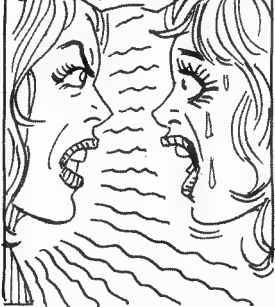
YAH!...THEN I'LL
SMACK HER GOOD!



I HAD TO
TELL YOU...NO! YOU/
DIDN'T!



YOU PATHETIC LIAR!
I DONT BELIEVE
YOU!



WHA...



...W...WHY WOULD
I LIE TO YOU...?!



JAKE IS GOOD...
KIND, CONSIDERATE...



I SUSPECTED YOU'RE
A TROUBLE
MAKER...



...BUT...! ...FOR
JAKE...



I HEAR YOU TALKING
ABOUT JAKE, YOU'LL
GET WORSE...



WHAT A... WORSE...
FOOL A PATHETIC
I'VE BEEN... CRY-BABY...



YAH... SELF-WHI-
WORSE... NING...
LIKE A PITY POOR
LITTLE ME... LITTLE
KID... BABY, JAKE...



...DIDN'T STOP TO THINK
ANYTHING THROUGH,
CHECK... DON'T DE-
SERVE... ANY
SYMPATHY...



...GOT A LOT... GOT THE
TO MAKE UP... GUTS,
FOR... CRY-BABY...



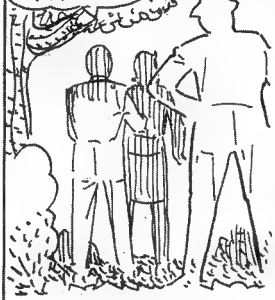
YAH!... LEARNED MY
LESSON... JAKE...



...IT IS YOU... OH, BOY...
JAKE...



...WORKED... GLAD I
LATE... WALK- SAW
ING TO CLEAR A YOU...
MY HEAD...



ALMOST ENDED
DIFFERENTLY. OH,
WELL...



THE CAPE

HOW CAN I
DECIDE... A
BIG DECISION.



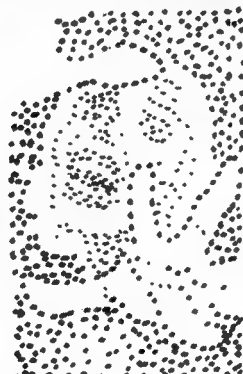
NO ONE
CAN
REALLY
HELP
ME.



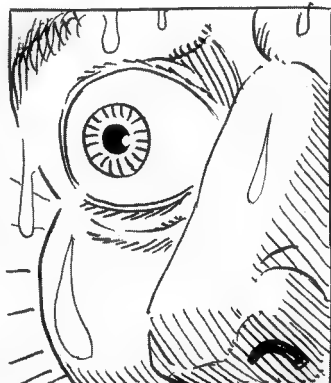
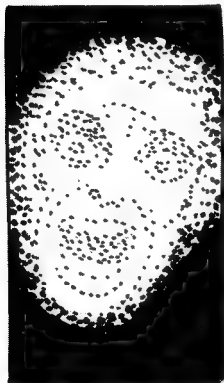
IT... IT
SEEMS
SO... SO
HOPE-
LESS...



...B...
BUT
CAN'T
GIVE
UP
YET...
OH!
WHAT
TO?
DO?



NOW
KNOW!



The DISTORTER & WHO WILL LEAD? ©2012 S. DITKO

YES, WE'RE ALL VERY SUCCESSFUL. WE COULD BE A GREATER SUCCESS. SUPER IN ONE INDUSTRY.



WE'D HAVE NO COM- PETITION! YES, ALMOST GUARAN- TEED. MAYBE...



WE NEED TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. OF COURSE. YES, WE COULD GET TO- GETHER.



I'M DOUBT- FUL WE COULD AGREE ON THE SAME PRINCIPLES. WHY? NOT? IT'S FOR THE BEST. THE BEST IDEA SHOULD ALWAYS WIN.



WE NEED AN IN- DEPTH MEET- ING. COULD BE ARRANGED. CLEAR UP ALL DOUBTS.



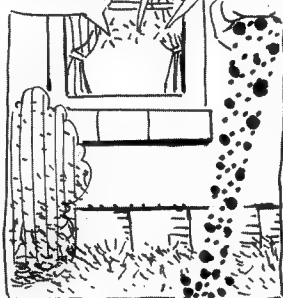
I'D BE... CHANCE... IN THEORY...? ON TOP? FOR A REAL KILLING! BUT IN PRACTICE?



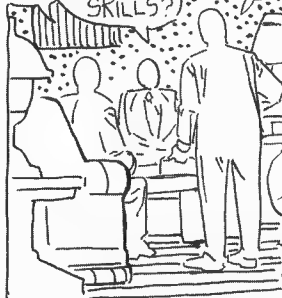
NICE SECLUDED PLACE.
...HASH OUT OUR DIFFERENCES.
...COME TO A CONSENSUS.



WE ALL AGREED ON ONE INDUSTRY.
AGREED SO FAR.
A GOOD CHOICE!



WHO IS TO HEAD IT?
WHO HAS THE NEEDED SKILLS?
WOULD A VOTE WORK?



I HAVE SOME PUBLIC REPORTS ON US...
TH. THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE...
...LOT OF ENVY.



I CAN EXPLAIN THAT...
AH! THAT'S OLD STUFF... NEVER PROVEN...



HOW CAN WE SETTLE IT?
THE IDEA IS STILL SOUND!



"CAN'T JUST GIVE IT ALL UP..."



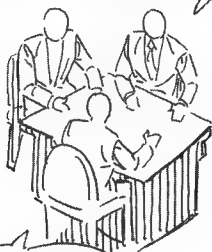
...STILL RELEVANT...
...IT DOES HAVE REAL PROMISE... RIGHT BASE...



IF ALL THE PIECES FIT,
NO CONTRADICTIONS.
NEVER ANOTHER GOOD OPPORTUNITY...



...WORK ON ALL THE
NEGATIVES... FAIR
APPRAISAL.



NOTHING
OVERLOOKED.

SO WHO IS TO BE IN
CHARGE?

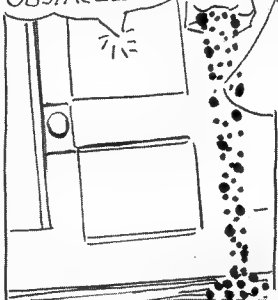


...IF ABLE TO RESOLVE
ALL PROBLEMS...

...SATISFACTORY...
CON-
VIN-
CINGLY.



WITH THE RIGHT
LEADERSHIP
NO PROBLEMS,
OBSTACLES.



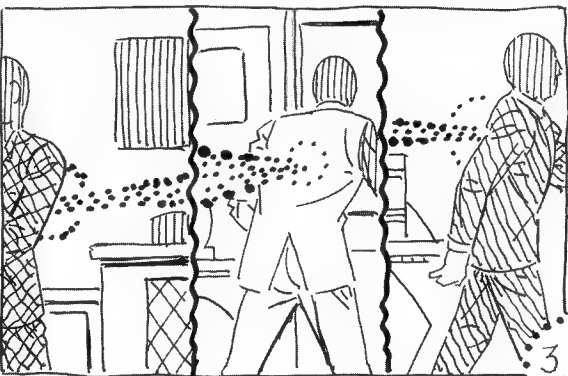
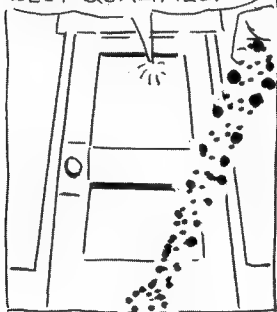
WHAT KIND OF TEST,
PROOF?



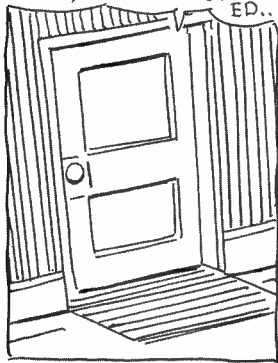
NEED A REAL, SOLID
AGREEMENT.



...SLEEP ON IT. DECIDE
IN THE MORNING WHO
BEST QUALIFIED.



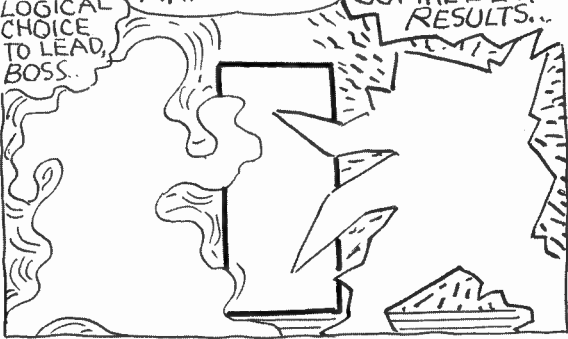
"OKAY, LET'S GET START-
ED..



I BELIEVE I'M THE
LOGICAL
CHOICE
TO LEAD,
BOSS..

YOU'RE WEAK IN
FIRMNESS...

I'VE ALWAYS
GOT THE BEST
RESULTS..



ONE
ALWAYS
HAS TO
COM-
PRO-
MISE..

YES, AT TIMES
FLEXIBLE..



NEVER ON
PRINCIPLES

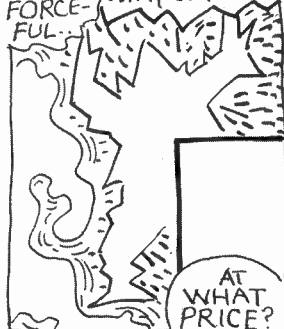
YOU'RE... JUST FAIR..
TOO
RIGID



NEED
STRENGTH
MIGHT..

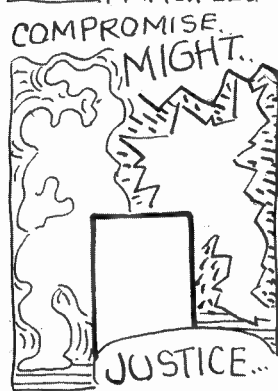
...NOT
TOO
FORCE-
FUL..

...BUT ALWAYS
WIN, GAIN..

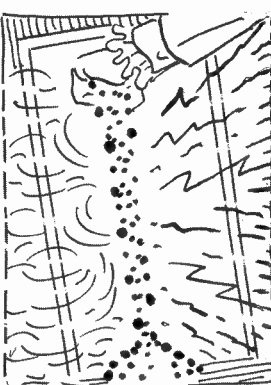


AT
WHAT
PRICE?

COMPROMISE
MIGHT..



JUSTICE..



WE
HAVE TO
GIVE IT
UP!

CAN'T GIVE
IT UP.. NO!
TOO
MUCH
TO
LOSE!

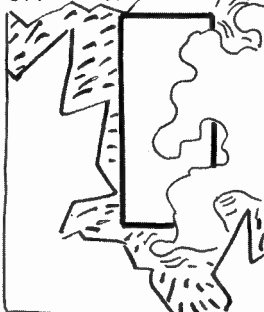


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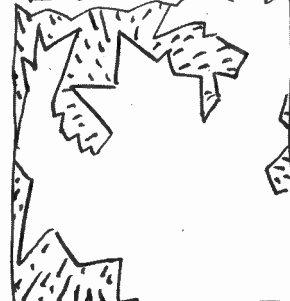
WE CAN COMPROMISE... NAME YOUR PRICE, CHOOSE ME... NO! WON'T!



...KNEW THEY'D #BE SOME X@ DOUBLE CROSS*



I'M THE STRONGEST... I DESERVE TO BE BOSS...



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME? ...NOT ME...



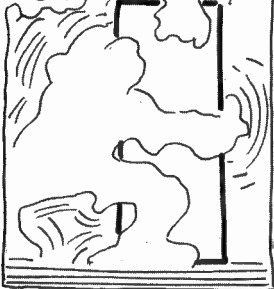
YOU'LL GET A GOOD CUT...

WE CAN MAKE HIM GO ALONG...

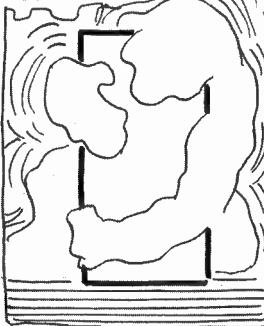


...ONE WAY OR THE OTHER...

...C...CAN'T PENETRATE, CHANGE...T...TOO RIGID... X@*



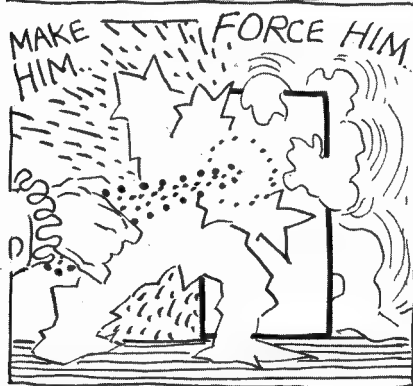
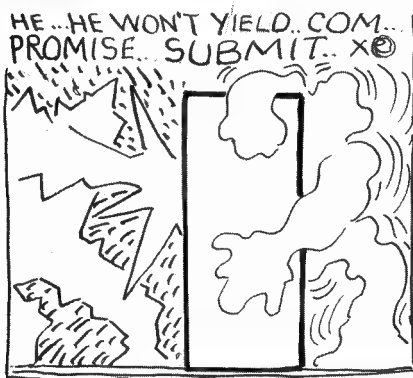
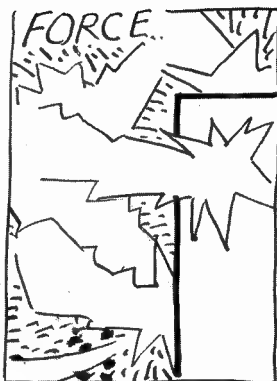
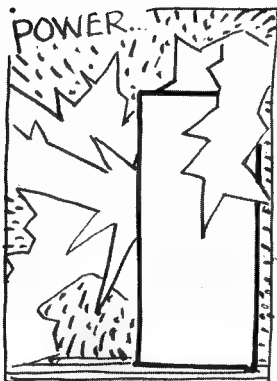
*WON'T BEND. CONFORM...



...N...NO USE...



I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE... 5.





W...WHAT CAME
OVER ME!?



MAYBE
THE
OBVIOUS

I...I DONT UNDER-
STAND...



NOT A DREAM OR NIGHTMARE...

...BUT THE TRUTH.



WHATEVER THE CAUSE, IT REVEALED,
EXPOSED OUR TRUE NATURE

NO!
MIGHT IS
RIGHT!



SHOULD
ALWAYS
COM-
PRO-
MISE!

I COULD, SHOULD, RULE...
WHY NOT?... * UNFAIR!



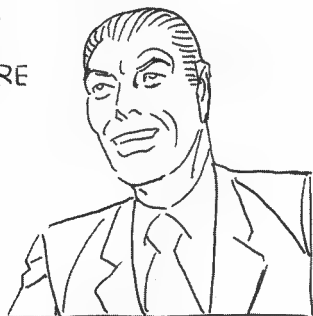
MAKING DEALS | COMPROMISE,
ALWAYS
WORKED
BEFORE.
WHAT
CHANGED!



...GIVE..TAKE...
* * *

...WAS IT ALL TOO GOOD TO BE
TRUE TO WORK?...
YES...

A FLAW
THE
STRUCTURE
FELL.



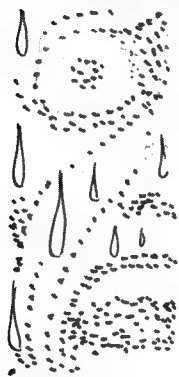
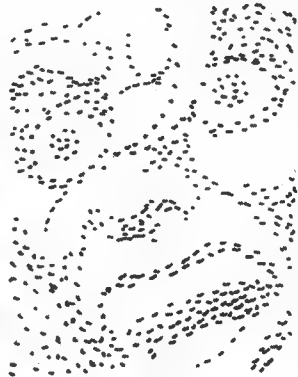
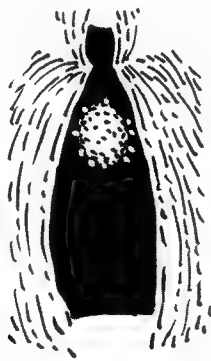
THE ~~///~~ *NO ONE IS
C GOING TO ~~#~~
MESS WITH ME!

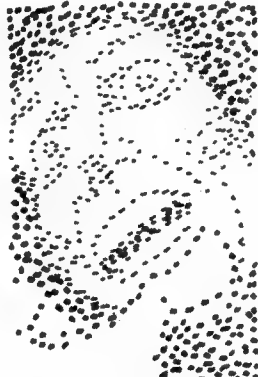


NO #
BODY...



NOBOY GETS IN MY #
WAY





LOOK OUT

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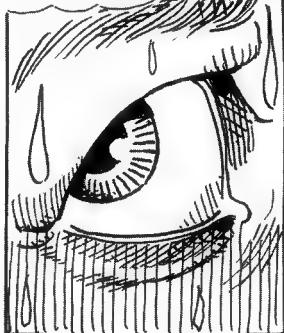
...NOT BEING FOLLOWED.
YAH!..JUST
JUMPY



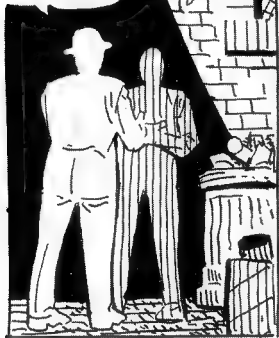
...DELIVER MATERIAL...
PAY OFF CONTACT...YAH...
CALL NEXT SOURCE...



...YAH... SAFE TO MAKE
DELIVERY...



...PRICE AGREED!) RIGHT!



...PAY OFF... MEET
NEXT SOURCE... HUH!?



...N.. NO!.. I IMAGINED...



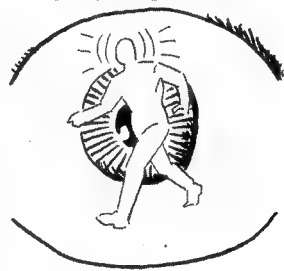
...YOU GOT... YAH...
YOUR PRICE... OKAY,
...DEAL...



...GREAT...!...!?



...HAD FEELING...
SOMEONE...



N... NO!...

(2.

... CRAZY...



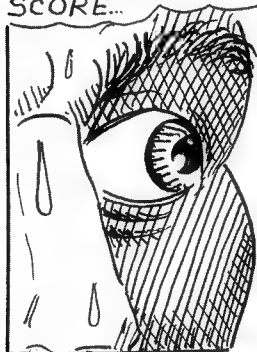
... SNAP OUT...



... NO ONE *o#'



... CONTACT SAID BIG SCORE...



... MEET... GET... PLAN... YAH!



... GOT PERFECT SYSTEM... NO REAL RISKS...



... WAITING... GOOD!



... HERE'S... DOUGH... THE PART NOW... INFO... REST WHEN DONE...



... ASK MORE NEXT TIME! HMM... NO, NOT TOO RISKY...



...GET GOOD NIGHT'S
SLEEP... THEN CASE...
PLAN...



HUH!?



...WHO'S... NO...
DREAMING...



AAHH..



R
I
N
G

...YES...CASED PLACE
BEFORE..NO REAL
PROBLEMS...



...NO NEED TO FEEL
JUMPY...
W...WATCHED...NO...



YES! I'M AS FIT AS
EVER...



...GOT IT... F..FEEL...
NO.. NO!
CRAZY...



...IMAGINATION...



...SHOULD MAKE THIS
MY LAST JOB... YAH...
HAVE ENOUGH
DOUGH...



...STILL...SO SUCCESS-
FUL... WHY STOP?



...I'M IN THE CLEAR...



...YAH! SAFE!



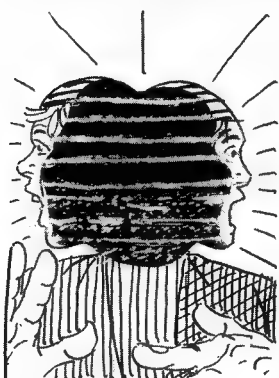
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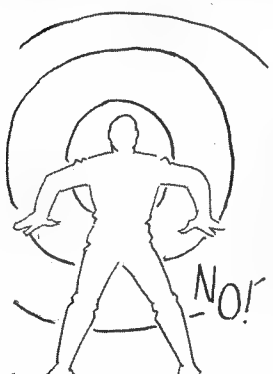
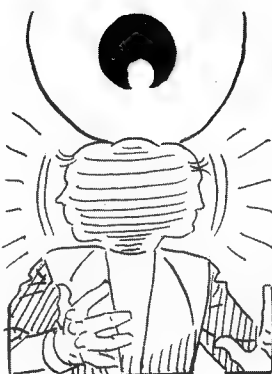


...YET...



...YET... FEEL... (5.





THE OUTLINE

...GOING TO KILL HIM...
...KILL THE RAT...



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...DESERVES TO DIE...
...NEEDS KILLING...



...KILL ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY...
...WHOEVER THE @ IS WITH...



...SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN... WILL MEET...



...ENJOY WATCHING THE DIE...
...LAUGH WHILE HE CROAKS. HA HA...



...SPIT ON HIM...
...IN TIME...
...BEG FOR MERCY. YAH...



...MAYBE TAKE OUT SOME OF HIS FRIENDS...
...YAH! WASTE SOME OF HIS PALS...



WHY NOT? ...GETTING CLOSER...
...YAH!



...IF I CAN INTERCEPT ONE...
...YES...



..HE'S GOT TO DIE
BY MY HAND...GUN...



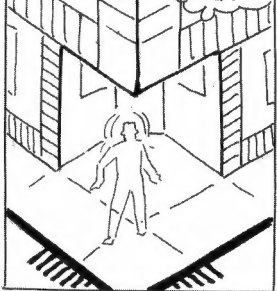
...HE DOESN'T EXPECT
TO GET HIT...



...AND BY ME AND TO
SEE ME DOING
THE KILLING...



... SILENT... DON'T KNOW
WHERE
THEY ARE
NOW...



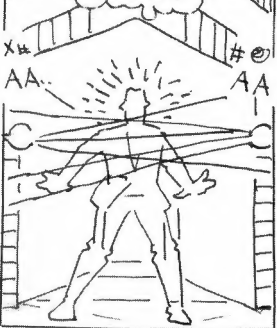
..GOOD... LOVED... LET'S
SESSION IT... STOP FOR
YAH! WORTH A SNACK...
NOW WHAT?



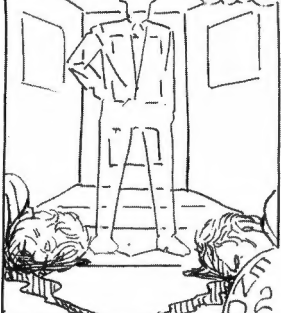
AH! GOT YOU! OH! MY #
YOU # OH! LUCKY
RAT.. DAY!
YOU # @



..CAUGHT IN THE
MIDDLE



..WELL... WELL... THEY
DIED
HAPPY.



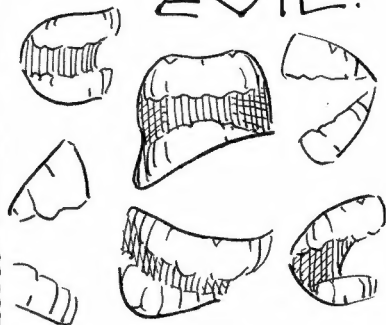
WHATEVER THAT DOES NOT SATISFY, FIT THE GROUP, MUST BE REPRESSED, CONDEMNED...YAH, OBLITERATED!



HUMAN PROBLEMS THAT NEED SOLUTIONS MUST BE PUT... SHOWN OUT OF SIGHT... MIND!



SOLUTIONS THAT DONOT REQUIRE SACRIFICE ARE BAD..SELFISH, EVIL!



INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT JOIN, FIT MUST BE FORCEFULLY REJECTED, PUNISHED, ELIMINATED!

GO ALONG, SUBMIT... OR ELSE...



WE MUST RULE... CHOOSE TO DESTROY, RATHER THAN LEARN, #CREATE*BUILD.*#



#MIGHT IS RIGHT.*

EVERYONE OWES ME SOMETHING!

I WANT IT
NOW!

X O *



IT'S MY #
RIGHT!

X O *

YOU
PRODUCE...



CONSUME...

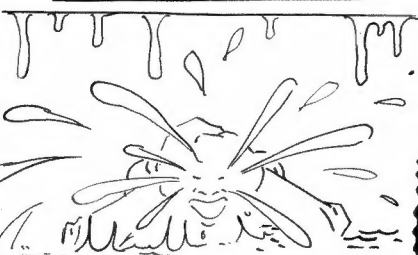
JUSTICE... THAT'S #
DAMN YOU. #

I MAKE
DEMANDS
FOR MY
WANTS,
NEEDS...



YOU
SUPPLY THEM
NOW!
X O #

EVERYONE
IS AGAINST
POOR
ME...
WAH...



NOT
FAIR...
WAH!

